



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on July 12, 2006, at the Mid Coast School of Technology, Rockland with the following members present: Chair James Carignan; Joyce McPhetres, Ellie Multer, Janet Tockman, and Jean Gulliver. Excused: Jack Norris, Vice Chair Phil Dionne, and Ann Weisleder

Also present were: Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; Commissioner Susan Gendron, Scott Brown, Director, School Facilities Services; and Rhonda Casey, Clerk.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the April 12, 2006, minutes as written.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; SITE APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; LEWISTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FROM THE BOSTON COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK TO RENEW A PRIOR APPROVAL TO MAKE ACADEMIC CREDIT COURSE OFFERINGS AVAILABLE IN MAINE

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW APPLICATION FOR DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES IN THE VISUAL ARTS TO AWARD THE DOCTOR OF VISUAL ARTS

MOVED by Joyce McPhetres, seconded by Jean Gulliver, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the consent agenda.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

## QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND PROGRAM

Statement of Fact: The Department of Education coordinates the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program which currently has an available allocation balance of \$1,856,830 for bond issuance in 2006 and 2007. Three QZAB applications were received by the Department prior to the June 30, 2006 application deadline. The Department has completed its review of the applications and verified that the school districts on the accompanying list and their proposed projects have met all the eligibility criteria.

Department Recommendation: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the QZAB applications for projects in Lewiston, MSAD 54 and MSAD 61 and authorize issuance of QZABs for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list. The total QZAB authorization amount is \$1,856,830 for bond issuance in 2006 and 2007.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Janet Tockman, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the QZAB applications for projects in Lewiston, MSAD 54, and MSAD 61 and authorize issuance of QZABs for up to the amounts shown on the list. The total QZAB authorization amount is \$1,856,830 for bond issuance in 2006 and 2007.

EXTEND THE MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION APPROVED PROJECTS LIST (*FORMERLY THE SPECIAL PRIORITY LIST*) FOR RATING CYCLE 2004-2005 TO INCLUDE IN PRIORITY ORDER THE NEXT SEVEN (7) PROJECTS, NUMBERS 14 THROUGH 20

Statement of Fact: On March 28, 2006, MRSA 20-A§15905, sub-§1, A, was amended as emergency legislation to read:

A. The State Board may approve projects as long as no project approval will cause debt service costs, as defined in section 15672, subsection 2-A, paragraph A, to exceed the maximum limits specified in Table 1 in subsequent fiscal years.

Table 1

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Maximum Debt Service Limit</u>
1990	\$ 48,000,000
1991	\$ 57,000,000
1992	\$ 65,000,000
1993	\$ 67,000,000
1994	\$ 67,000,000
1995	\$ 67,000,000
1996	\$ 67,000,000

1997	\$ 67,000,000
1998	\$ 67,000,000
1999	\$ 69,000,000
2000	\$ 72,000,000
2001	\$ 74,000,000
2002	\$ 74,000,000
2003	\$ 80,000,000
2004	\$ 80,000,000
2005	\$ 84,000,000
2006	\$ 90,000,000
2007	\$ 96,000,000
2008	\$100,000,000
2009	\$104,000,000
<u>2010</u>	<u>\$108,000,000</u>
<u>2011</u>	<u>\$126,000,000</u>

The current Approved Projects List (*Special Priority List*) was created August 10, 2005. The State Board of Education's Rules Chapter 61 – Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 5, states, "The number of designated projects on the Approved Projects List (*Special Priority List*) will be determined by available funding. Should resources permit additional projects to be funded during the same rating cycle, the State Board may designate more projects from the Final Priority List (*formerly called the Priority List*) in priority order."

The School Facilities Services Team, knowing the maximum Debt Service limitations, has after much deliberation come to the conclusion that the next seven (7) projects in priority order can be added to the Approved Projects List (*Special Priority List*) from the 2004-2005 Final Priority List (*Priority List*).

Recommendation: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the addition of the following school systems to the Approved Projects List (*Special Priority List*) for Rating Cycle 2004-2005; effective August 1, 2006.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Concept Approval</u>
Jefferson School Department	12/31/08
Chelsea School Department	12/31/08
Woolwich School Department	12/31/08
SAD #22 (Hampden Academy)	12/31/08
SAD #9 (Mt. Blue High School and Foster Vocational Center)	12/31/08
Falmouth School Department (Lunt School)	12/31/08
SAD #9 (Mallet Elementary School)	12/31/08

If projects listed above are approved, they will proceed through the construction process using the recently revised State Board of Education Chapter 61 – Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

MOVED by Ellie Multer, seconded by Jean Gulliver, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the addition of the above listed school systems to the Approved Projects List (*Special Priority List*) for Rating Cycle 2004-2005; effective August 1, 2006.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE PROGRAM APPROVAL VISITATION TEAM REPORT

Background: A program approval visit to the University of Maine at Presque Isle was conducted March 12-15, 2006, for the purposes of reviewing the following professional educator preparation programs:

Elementary Education (K-8)  
Secondary Education (7-12)

- Life Sciences
- English
- Social Studies
- Mathematics

Physical Education (K-12)  
Arts Education (K-12)

Following the on-site visitation a report was prepared, which includes findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The report was prepared for State Board consideration and action during the July 12, 2006, meeting of the Board.

Recommendation: That the State Board of Education accepts the report of the University of Maine at Presque Isle program approval visitation team and grant conditional approval status. It is also recommended that the program submit an interim report to the Commissioner in which the team's recommendations are fully addressed. This report should be submitted by December 31, 2008. If the report is favorably received, the Board could then act to extend program approval to the winter of 2011.

MOVED, seconded, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the report of the University of Maine at Presque Isle program visitation team and grant conditional approval status. In addition, the State Board recommends that the program submit an interim report no later than December 31, 2008, to the Commissioner fully addressing the team's recommendations.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE AND NATIONAL VISITATION TEAM REPORTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Background: A joint State and National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) program approval/accreditation visit to the University of Maine was conducted November 4 - 9, 2005 for the purpose of reviewing the professional educator preparation programs of offered by the College of Education and Human Development.

Following the on-site visit a State team report was prepared, which included team findings resulting from the application of both State and NCATE standards, commendations, recommendations, and a recommendation for State program approval status. The report was distributed to the State Board during its February 15, 2006, meeting with a note that action would be called for following notification of NCATE's accreditation decision. The NCATE Unit Accrediting Board met in April 2006 and rendered its accreditation decision in which it was determined that the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development met all NCATE standards except Standard 4 - Diversity.

Accompanying this exhibit were copies of the following: the State team report, the NCATE Board of Examiners Report, and a notification of the Unit Accrediting Board's decision. The State team report concluded that the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development met all State standards and that the College had demonstrated good faith effort in its attempts to fully meet Standard 4 - Diversity.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education, after consideration of the State team report, the NCATE program accreditation team report, and the Unit Accrediting Board notice of continuing accreditation report, accept the State and NCATE visitation team recommendations and grant full approval to the University of Maine, College of Education and Human Development educator preparation programs. The period of approval would be from fall 2005 through fall 2012.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Janet Tockman, and unanimously voted by those present to conditionally approve the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development educator preparation programs. Reconsideration of the University of Maine, College of Education and Human Development education preparation programs will occur after the University of Maine submits its NCATE documentation in October and receives its response concerning continuing accreditation.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Commissioner Gendron reported on the following:

- The handout, "Redesigning Maine's High Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Preparing Our Students, Strengthening Our State."
- That she continues to meet with Department leaders to discuss and work through the process of restructuring the Department of Education.
- That she has created a Data Team with representatives from special education, NCLB, MIS, etc. This team's charge is to look at the way data

in the Department and the schools are collected. Her decision to create the Data Team is based on an old practice used in the School Approval process and the need to bring back this practice.

- That the Pre K-16 Team has held its first meeting.
- The recent press release which stated that Maine did not receive approval for its standards and assessment system required by No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). This non-approval status seems to stem from the fact that Maine is using the SAT test for 11 graders.
- That Angela Faherty has accepted the position as Deputy Commissioner, Valerie Seaberg is the new Chief of Staff, and Jaci Holmes has been assigned to work with the Certification Committee.

Jean Gulliver left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

State Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the July 12, 2006, meeting at 3:30 p.m.